



# REGULATORY FEES FACT SHEET

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## WHAT YOU OWE – CABLE TELEVISION SYSTEMS FOR FY 2004

Cable television systems operating on October 1, 2003 must pay a regulatory fee per subscriber<sup>1</sup> for each of the community units (CUIDs) in which they operate. The number of basic cable subscribers that you served on December 31, 2003 should be used as the basis from which to calculate your fee payment. Beginning this year, you may pay your regulatory fee for all of your basic service subscribers with a single line entry of Form 159 without having to list your individual CUIDs.

Each licensee of a CARS facility operating on October 1, 2003 must pay a regulatory fee for each CARS license held. In instances where a license or authorization is transferred or assigned after October 1, 2003, the fee must be paid by the party that is the licensee or holder of the authorization on the date that the fee payment is due. You may submit a single payment for all of your regulatory fee obligations (i.e., "subscriber fees" and all CARS licenses; however, you must list each individual CARS call sign.

TYPE OF FEE	REGULATORY FEE PAYMENT	PAYMENT TYPE CODE
Cable System Subscriber Fee	\$0.70 per subscriber	0471
CARS License	\$135 per license	0470

### Special Instructions for Completing FCC Forms 159 & 159-C

In addition to the general Form 159 filing instructions, the following information applies specifically to cable television systems and CARS licensees:

#### Block (9) - Telephone Number:

- Enter the contact name and telephone number of the specific individual responsible for

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<sup>1</sup> Number of Subscribers In a Community Unit = Number of single family dwellings + Number of individual households in multiple dwelling units (e.g., apartments, condominiums, mobile home parks, etc.) paying at the basic subscriber rate + Number of bulk-rate customers + Number of courtesy and free service. (NOTE: Bulk-Rate Customers = total annual bulk rate charge ÷ basic annual subscription rate for individual households).

submitting the payment and supporting Form 159 and Form 159-C.

Block (11) - PAYER FRN:

- Enter the fee payer's FRN number.

Block (21) - APPLICANT FRN:

- If different from payer, enter the applicant's FRN number.

Block (23A) - FCC CALL SIGN/OTHER ID:

- For subscriber fees, leave this block blank.
- Enter the call sign for each CARS license. Call signs must be entered in one of the two following formats: for fixed stations, the call sign is generally comprised of three letters, followed by a dash, followed by two or three numbers (e.g. WAL-504). For mobile licenses, the call sign is generally comprised of two letters, followed by a dash, followed by five numbers (e.g. KB-60111). **This Block must be completed for each CARS license.**

Block (24A) - PAYMENT TYPE CODE:

- Enter **0471** when paying a subscriber fee. Subscriber information must be provided for each system that is operated.
- Enter **0470** when making a regulatory fee payment for a CARS license.

Block (25A) - QUANTITY:

- For subscriber fees, enter your aggregate number of basic subscribers that you served on December 31, 2003. For CARS licensees, enter "1" in this block for each call sign.

Block (27A) - TOTAL FEE:

- For subscriber fees (payment type code 0471), multiply the amount in Block 25A (Quantity) by \$0.70 and enter the result here. **Enter exact dollars and cents; do not round.**
- For CARS licenses (payment type code 0470) enter \$135.00.

Block (28A) - FCC CODE 1: Leave this block blank.

Block (29A) - FCC CODE 2: Leave this block blank.

Block (30) - CERTIFICATION:

- Provide the printed name and signature of an individual owner/licensee or officer attesting to the accuracy and completeness of the information supplied.

**Please include a daytime telephone number so that we can contact you if questions arise regarding your payment.**

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